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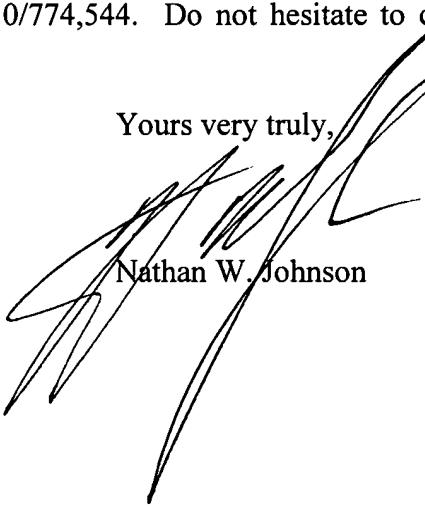
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RE: App. Ser. No.: 10/774,544
Filing Date: February 9, 2004
Inventor: Holmes, M.
Title: Locking Device and Method for Securing Telescoped Pipe
Responsive to: Office Action of 2/24/05
Examiner: John C. Hong
Art Unit: 3726

Dear Commissioner:

Please find enclosed an **An Amendment in Response to Office Action** with respect to U.S. Trademark Application No. 10/774,544. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours very truly,


Nathan W. Johnson

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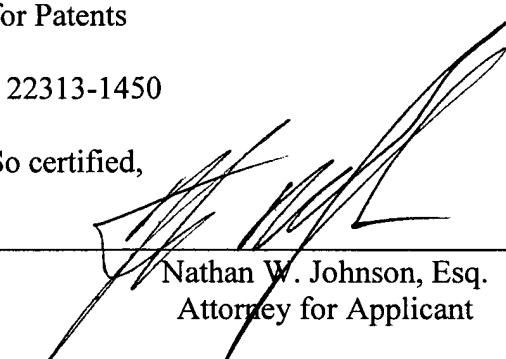
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1. Cover letter (2 pages, including this page),
2. Amendment in Response to Office Action, including Replacement Sheets, Annotated Sheets and a dictionary extract showing the definition of "mure"

are enclosed and are being deposited this day (May 24, 2005) with the "Express Mail" service of the United States Post Office to Addressee, in an envelope marked EV302015947US addressed to:

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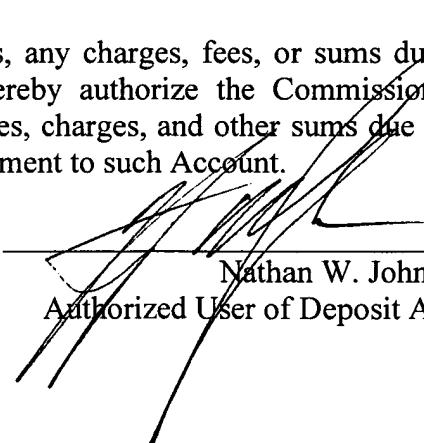

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Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Date of Signature

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